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RECYCLING OF WASTE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism that exist in India for recycling of waste and its comparison to the mechanism that exist in other developed countries; and

(b) the action taken by the Government to upgrade the existing mechanism in the light of technological advancement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) As per the Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 as amended in 2003, the recyclers of non-ferrous metal wastes, used oil and waste oil are required to register with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).Before according registration, the CPCB examines the proposals in consultation with the concerned State Pollution Control Board and the Expert Committee constituted by CPCB for this purpose. Registration is accorded only to the recyclers having environmentally sound management facilities. Regarding the Municipal Solid Wastes, energy recovery from such wastes is also promoted by the Central Government through separate programmes. These mechanisms are comparable with those exist in other countries.

(b) Prior to the notification of Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules 2003, acid clay technology was followed by the recyclers for re-refining of used oil, which was environmentally not sound, since such technology generates more quantity of hazardous waste. In the Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 as amended in 2003, three environmentally sound technologies have been notified and installation of such technologies are pre-requisite for re-refining of used oil.